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SUBJECT: CHANCELLOR BRANDT'S RESIGNATION

FOLLOWING IS PERTINENT PORTION MAY 7 DEPARTMENT BRIEFING
RE CHANCELLOR BRANDT'S RESIGNATION:

QUOTE: Q: ANY COMMENT ON WILLY BRANDT'S RESIGNATION?

A: THE WHITE HOUSE ALREADY SPOKE TO THIS EARLIER THIS
MORNING, AND ESSENTIALLY WHAT WE WOULD HAVE TO SAY WOULD
REFLECT WHAT THE WHITE HOUSE HAS SAID. IT IS AN INTERNAL
POLITICAL MATTER AND IT WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE FOR US
TO COMMENT ON IT.

I WOULD ADD THAT WE ARE DEEPLY INTERESTED IN GERMAN
DEVELOPMENTS FOLLOWING THE RESIGNATION, AND WE WILL BE
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OBSERVING EVENTS CLOSELY.

WITH RESPECT TO CHANCELLOR BRANDT, THE HIGH REGARD IN WHICH CHANCELLOR BRANDT IS HELD IN INTERNATIONAL LIFE, INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES, IS A MATTER OF RECORD. BUT I REALLY WOULDN'T HAVE ANYTHING FURTHER TO SAY ON THE MATTER.

Q: TO A CERTAIN EXTENT THE OSTPOLITIK POLICY WAS A FORE-RUNNER OF PRESIDENT NIXON'S POLICY OF IMPROVING RELATIONS

WITH THE SOVIET UNION. DO YOU FORESEE ANY CHANGE IN GERMANY'S ATTITUDE TOWARD ITS EASTERN NEIGHBORS AS A RESULT OF THIS?

A: I DON'T SEE HOW I COULD ANSWER A QUESTION OF WHAT MIGHT FOLLOW FROM THE EVENTS OF LAST NIGHT AT THIS POINT.

Q: ARE YOU IN A POSITION TO SAY ANYTHING ABOUT MR. HELMUT SCHMIDT?

A: NO. RUSH

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